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SUBJ: ILO - 63RD CONFERENCE - DAILY REPORT FOR JUNE 8

1. ARAB-ISRAELI - SEE SEPTELS.

2. ARTICLE 17 - IN SELECTIONS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF HOW TO HANDLE ARTICLE 17, PLANT (UK), WORKER GROUP, URGED FORMING JOINT COMMITTEE. WHEN HIS PROPOSAL RECEIVED NO SUPPORT AND APPEARED TO BE LEADING TO CONFRONTATION, HE WITHDREW IT WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT ARTICLE 17 SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IN STRUCTURE COMMITTEE (SC). EMPLOYER GROUP IN SELECTIONS COMMITTEE CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF REFERRING ARTICLE 17 TO STRUCTURE COMMITTEE. WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVT REPS DID NOT SPEAK IN FAVOR OF JOINT COMMITTEE SINCE OTHER GOVT REPS HAD FAVORED REFERRAL TO STRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND CLEARLY THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF JOINT COMMITTEE BEING ACCEPTED. AT THIS POINT, USREP (HOROWITZ) SAID WE WOULD NO LONGER OPPOSE REFERRAL TO STRUCTURE COMMITTEE IF GIVEN PRIORITY

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TREATMENT THERE. QUESTION THEN AROSE WHETHER SELECTIONS COMMITTEE COULD RECOMMEND THAT STRUCTURE COMMITTEE GIVE ARTICLE 17 PRIORITY TREATMENT, WITH RESULT THAT MAINWARING (CANADIAN GOVT - CHAIRMAN) AGREED MAKE SOME COMMENT ORALLY WHEN HE REPORTS TO PLENARY. DURING NEXT FEW DAYS USREP PLANS HOLD INFORMAL TALKS WITH IMEC GOVT REPS, EMPLOYER GROUP, AND REPS OF REGIONAL GROUPS TO GET THEIR PROPOSALS ON

TEXTUAL CHANGES. UK AND CANADIANS ALREADY WORKING ON DRAFT, BUT TACTICALLY IMEC WILL NOT SUGGEST CHANGES UNTIL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (DC) HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR IDEAS. PURPOSE IS TO LET DC'S TAKE LEAD AND THEN HAVE IMEC PROPOSALS BROUGHT FORWARD TO BRIDGE ANY GAP.

3. STRUCTURE COMMITTEE - DECIDED NOT TO HAVE TWO SUB-GROUPS BUT TO HAVE ENTIRE COMMITTEE CONSIDER ALL ISSUES INCLUDING "PROCEDURES WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS", I.E. ARTICLE 17. TIME TABLE HAS ARTICLE 17 DISCUSSION STARTING JUNE 13.

4. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: BEGAN DISCUSSION OF FIRST RESOLUTION. DEADLINE FOR AMENDMENTS TO THIS RESOLUTION IS 1700 HOURS JUNE 9. IMEC GROUP WILL DISCUSS TACTICS MORNING JUNE 9. WE UNDERSTAND WORKERS HAVE ALREADY PREPARED 52 AMENDMENTS TO FIRST RESOLUTION, AND GOVTS MAY INTRODUCE OTHERS TO SLOW DOWN COMMITTEE WORK SO THAT PANAMA RESOLUTION (NO. 4) WILL NOT BE REACHED UNTIL VERY LATE IN ILC. SOME LATIN AMERICANS REPS TOLD MEMBER OF USDEL THEY WILL TRY TO MODERATE TONE OF PANAMA RESOLUTION AND THEN VOTE FOR IT. TRIPARTITE MEETING OF USDEL BEING HELD MORNING JUNE 10 TO DISCUSS US TACTICS.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE - AFTER THREE MEETINGS LASTING TOTAL OF LESS THAN FIVE HOURS, COMMITTEE (UNDER EFFICIENT CHAIRMANSHIP OF BANDA-ZAMBIA) ADJOURNED WITH RECOMMENDATION BY CONSENSUS THAT ILC APPROVE 1978-79 CONFIDENTIAL

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BUDGET. USDEL STATED SHE HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION OR RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY WHETHER US WOULD BE MEMBER OF ILO DURING PERIOD COVERED BY BUDGET. EASTERN EUROPEANS ABSTAINED, AS DID A FEW OTHER GOVTS FOR VARIOUS REASONS, MOSTLY TO DO WITH THEIR SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS. HAASE (FRG REP) COMMENTED IN HIS REMARKS THAT ALTHOUGH HE HOPED US WOULD NOT WITHDRAW, HIS HOPES WERE FAST DISAPPEARING. (APPARENTLY REFERRING TO VOTE IN PLENARY JUNE 3).

6. WORKING ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - WORK PROCEEDED WITH MINIMUM OF POLITICAL INTERVENTION. DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON POLISHING LANGUAGE OF TEXT.

7. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE - DECIDED TO HAVE CONVENTION SUPPLEMENTED BY RECOMMENDATION. WORKER EFFORTS TO AMEND TEXT TO REFER TO EARLIER CONVENTIONS ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, RIGHT TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY, ETC., SOUNDLY DEFEATED. USDEL (INGRASSIA) PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR PREAMBLE, STATING PROBLEMS OF

FEDERAL GOVTS, AND THIS APPEARED TO BE SUPPORTED BY MOST OF GOVT GROUP AND EMPLOYERS BUT SINCE WORKERS PREFERRED DIFFERENT APPROACH, DECISION DEFERRED TO ALLOW INFORMAL TALKS.

8. LABOR ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - DEBATE ON AMENDMENTS GRADUALLY BRINGING MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO US POSITION OF FUTILITY OF TRYING TO DEVELOP CONVENTION WHICH CAN READILY BE RATIFIED BY ANY COUNTRY. WORKERS CALL FOR DECISION ON KIND OF INSTRUMENT WAS NOT CLEARLY ANSWERED, ALTHOUGH COMMITTEE AGREED TO PROCEED ON PRINCIPLE THAT CONVENTION SUPPORTED BY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE PRODUCED.

10. PLENARY - WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS, SPEECHES GENERALLY FOCUSED ON DG'S REPORT. USSR GOVT REP DECRIED "FORCES WORKING AGAINST IMPROVEMENT IN ILO STRUCTURE," AND ALSO REFERRED TO CHILE AND TO SITUATION IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IRAQ OPPOSED DG'S ATTEMPT
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TO "SHIRK HIS RESPONSIBILITY ON 1974 RESOLUTION." PANAMANIAN WORKER REP GOMEZ MADE STRONG ATTACK ON ALLEGED CONDITIONS IN CANAL ZONE, PROMISING READINESS "TO CONVERT PLOWSHARES INTO RIFLES TO ELIMINATE COLONIAL ENCLAVE."
USDEL DALE GOOD SPOKE TO ILC PRESIDENT AMEDUME LATER ABOUT PANAMANIAN REMARKS NOT BEING IN CONFORMITY WITH CRITERIA WHICH PRESIDENT HAD SET FORTH AT BEGINNING OF PLENARY, TO WHICH PRESIDENT RESPONDED BY ASKING FOR SPECIFICS ON OBJECTIONABLE CONTENT OF PANAMANIAN SPEECH AND ALSO REMINDING USDEL THAT ALL MEMBERS HAVE RIGHT OF IMMEDIATE REPLY.

11. OTHER - GENERAL ATTITUDE OF US WORKER REPS IS SAME AS THAT OF USG REPS, I.E., DISAPPOINTMENT AT EARLY EVENTS (JUNE 3 VOTE; ELECTION OF CHERIF AS CHAIRMAN OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE) BUT REALIZATION CONFERENCE LESS THAN HALF OVER AND MUCH CAN HAPPEN.
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